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- 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 5 is discussed in the present specification.
- 3. The references 1-4 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 4. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 1 and 2 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 2-5 are maken attached hereto.

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6. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese references has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-5.

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